

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Unfunded Mandate Reform Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 169, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments; to strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local and tribal governments; to end the imposition, in the absence of full consideration by Congress, of Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental priorities; and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations.

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Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons (Treaty Doc. 103-25), with certain conditions. (Exec. Rept. 104-1)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 23, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S4407.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Paul W.

Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 29.

SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on proposals to reform the process of securities litigation, including related provisions of S. 240 and H.R. 1058, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Griffin, Utah Department of Commerce, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; Sheldon H. Elsen, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York; David Guin, Ritchie and Rediker, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys; Bartlett Naylor, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL-CIO), Washington, D.C.; and Joan R. Gallo, San Jose, California.

NUCLEAR WASTE CLEANUP

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the Department of Energy environmental management programs, focusing on waste management and cleanup activities at the Hanford nuclear reservation site in the State of Washington, receiving testimony from Senators Gorton and Murray; Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management; and Steven M. Blush and Thomas H. Heitman, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of regulatory reform proposals on environmental law, receiving testimony from Steven Kaplan, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Tom Looby, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Cass R. Sunstein, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois; John D. Graham, Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, Boston, Massachusetts; and Michael E. Baroody, National Association of Manufacturers, on behalf of the Alliance for Reasonable Regulation, and George C. Freeman, Jr. and